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Sunrise Hospital Introduces Advanced Stent Graft Surgery Procedure For Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Patients

Surgery repairs Aneurysms faster and with less pain

LAS VEGAS –Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center introduces a new way for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) patients to receive surgery with less pain and faster recovery time. Stent graft surgery is one of several procedures that Roger Hughes, MD, Interventional Radiologist, performs at Sunrise Hospital, as more than 1.2 million Americans are affected by AAA.

AAA's are caused by a bulge or balloon that forms in the wall of a blood vessel and is responsible for approximately 15,000 deaths each year in the United States. While most AAA's are never diagnosed because the conditions typically cause no symptoms, nearly all AAA's can be detected through a simple, painless and inexpensive screening or CT exam.

The advanced stent graft surgery takes about 45 minutes and allows patients to get out of the hospital a day after the procedure, compared to open heart surgery which takes about 4 hours and can hospitalize patients for days.

“Not everyone is a candidate for stent graft surgery, as the anatomy of the aneurysm needs to be taken into consideration, said Hughes, MD. “However, two-thirds of all aneurysm repairs at Sunrise Hospital are done by stent graft, and even after all of these years of doing the procedure I still find it fascinating.”

Sunrise Hospital is offering a free class on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to the first 150 registered people on “Repairing Aneurysms faster with less pain.” The Lunch and Learn class will be presented by Roger Hughes, MD, Interventional Radiologist and a Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeon. Register today to ensure your spot by calling 702.233.5300.

About Sunrise Hospital:

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center provides the most sophisticated, quality healthcare in Southern Nevada. A Consumer Choice award-winning hospital for 13 consecutive years, the 701-bed acute care facility includes comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services such as The Nevada Neurosciences Institute– the region's first Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center– an ACoS-recognized Comprehensive Cancer Center, an innovative, full-service Breast Center and specialty services in cardiac, women's health, pulmonology, critical care, complex surgery, and rehabilitation, as well as Level-II Trauma and Emergency care. The hospital has invested millions of dollars in obtaining new technologies such as the da Vinci Robotic surgery system, Intraoperative MRI machines, Gamma Knife incision-less brain surgery, and an exclusive Picture Archiving and Communication System designed to assist physicians in retrieving important patient data.

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